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QUOTE SECURITY BULLETIN - ASE-73-5

SUBJECT: MARIO VICTOR MAIMONE - EX HIJACKER

REFERENCE IS MADE TO FAA AIR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY SUMMARY NO. 25-72 DATED 15 MAY 72 WHICH REPORTED THE HIJACKING OF SWISS AIR FLIGHT NUMBER SE 610 ON APRIL 17, 1972, BY SUBJECT. SUBJECT DIVERTED FLIGHT SE 610 FROM FIUMICINO AIRPORT, ITALY TO CIAMPINO AIRPORT, ITALY BY THREATENING TO BLOW UP THE AIRCRAFT WITH AN ALLEGED
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EXPLOSIVE. HE DEMANDED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE POPE AND THE US AMBASSADOR, AND CLAIMED TO BE THE " REINCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR." SUBJECT WAS RELEASED FROM ROME PRISON ON MARCH 14, 1973 WHERE HE HAD BEEN DETAINED FROM APRIL 1972. INQUIRY WITH SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY INDICATES MAIMONE, SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS AND THREE MONTHS, AFTER PAYMENT OF THREE MILLION LIRE ON MARCH 8, 1973, WAS RELEASED WITHG FROM YUGOSLAVS LARGEST POSSIBLE INITIAL CONTRIBUTION; AND (B) TESTING YUGOSLAV WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE, IN

ADDITION TO INITIAL AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO OUR ESTIMATED \$7.2 MILLION, ANNUAL YUGOSLAV INSTALLMENTS FOR PARTIAL FUNDING FUTURE PROJECTS; AND (C) MAXIMIZING DINAR AVAILABILITY THROUGH ACCUMULATED INTEREST RETURNS ON CONTRIBUTIONS (I. E. ANY OBLIGATED BUT UNEXPENDED FUNDS PLUS REMAINDER OF OUR 7.2 MILLION). (FYI CLARIFICATION OF DIFFERENCE IN OUR TOTAL OBLIGATED BUT UNEXPENDED FUNDS AND YUGOSLAV TOTAL (BELGRADE 852) WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTEL. END FYI.)

4. U. S. WOULD PROPOSE:

A) YUGOSLAVS AS INITIAL COMMITMENT MATCH OUR \$7.2 MILLION, IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY PRIOR PAYMENT OF A MINIMUM PORTION THEREOF FOR URGENT REQUIREMENTS OF ONGOING PROJECTS, ON GROUNDS THAT THIS EMERGENCY RELEASE WAS IN FACT A U. S. COMMITMENT OF NEW, UNOBLIGATED MONIES.

B) DEPENDING ON MODALITIES TO BE WORKED OUT HERE, US CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE DEPOSITED IN AN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT TO SERVICE, WITH YUGOSLAV ENDORSEMENT, PROJECTS AS JOINTLY APPROVED.

C) THE YUGOSLAVS WOULD THEN BE ASKED TO PROVIDE AGREED AMOUNT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION (AT LEAST \$7.2 MILLION) AT EARLIEST DATE POSSIBLE. AS AVAILABLE, CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BOTH SIDES WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE FUND, THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRST CALL ON WHICH WOULD BE FOR ONGOING PROJECTS OF AGENCIES WHICH CONTRIBUTED ANY OBLIGATED BUT UNEXPENDED FUNDS. YUGOSLAVS WOULD BE ASKED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO EQUAL INTEREST ACCRUED ON U. S. CONTRIBUTION.

D) ALSO WITH RESPECT TO ANY NEW UNOBLIGATED AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY A US AGENCY TO A JOINT FUND, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY THAT AT LEAST AN EQUAL AMOUNT (PLUS PROPORTIONATE INTEREST AND MINUS PROPORTIONATE EXPENSES) BE UTILIZED IN COOPERATIVE PROJECTS FALLING WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE PARTICULAR US AGENCY' S LEGISLATIVE AND APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.

5. IT IS APPRECIATED THAT THE ABOVE TENTATIVE PROPOSAL MAY NEVER PROCEED BEYOND A YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO OUR \$7.2 MILLION. THIS TOTAL AMOUNT (\$14-15 MILLION) WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO FINANCE ONGOING JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS OF ALL U. S. AGENCIES TO THEIR CONCLUSION IN 1975-76, WITH A REMAINDER

OF A MILLION OR TWO FOR A FEW TOP PRIORITY NEW PROJECTS. IT IS FELT THAT THE ENDEAVOR TO DEVELOP A LARGER FUND WOULD HAVE HAD VALUE IN HELPING TO OBTAIN LARGEST POSSIBLE INDEPENDENT YUGOSLAV CONTRIBUTION AND IN MINIMIZING ADVERSE YUGOSLAV REACTIONS TO THE DECLINE IN U. S. FUNDING OF S AND T PROGRAMS.

6. ON OTHER HAND, IF YUGOSLAVS CAN BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT A MORE EXTENSIVE JOINT FUNDING ARRANGEMENT, WE COULD THEN PROCEED TO DISCUSS ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH A FUND.

7. AS IT STANDS NOW, THE EXCESS CURRENCY DESIGNATION WILL BE TERMINATED AT THE END OF CURRENT FY. AN APPROVED INTERAGENCY PLAN MUST BE FORMULATED BEFORE END FY 1973 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS FOR EXTENDING THE DESIGNATION INTO FY 1974. THEREFORE ALL PLANNING, INCLUDING PLANNING FOR GOY CONTRIBUTION MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE EXCESS CURRENCY DETERMINATION IS MADE. WITHOUT EXTENDING EXCESS DESIGNATION, NEW OBLIGATIONS CANNOT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MADE IN FY74 UNDER SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY APPROPRIATIONS.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS ON ABOVE APPROACH, INCLUDING FIRMEST POSSIBLE ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR YUGOSLAV MATCHING OF THE \$7.2 MILLION U. S. CONTRIBUTION AND GOING BEYOND THIS EITHER THROUGH A ONE- TIME CONTRIBUTION OR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

9. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF EMBASSY COMMENTS WE WILL SEEK
CONCURRENCE WITHIN USG TO THIS APPROACH. RUSH

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